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SUBJECT: "ECONOMIC ESPIONAGE" - SOLOMON BEN-YUSEF

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1. ACCORDING FRG CONSUL HANDLING JACOBY CASE, BEN-YUSEF'S APPEAL WAS HEARD NOVEMBER 22 BUT COURT HAS NOT YET RENDERED DECISION. FRG CONSUL WAS INFORMED DECISION WOULD BE REACHED TWO WEEKS FOLLOWING APPEAL, AND DELAY IS UNEXPLAINED.

2. CHARGES AGAINST BEN-YUSEF ARE APPARENTLY THREEFOLD: A) ECONOMIC ESPIONAGE, B) ACCEPTING MONEY ILLEGALLY, AND C) AWARDED A CONTRACT TO A FIRM WHOSE BID WAS NOT COMPETITIVE AND WHOSE PERFORMANCE IN FULFILLING THE CONTRACT WAS UNSATISFACTORY, WHICH IS APPARENTLY CONSIDERED A FORM OF ECONOMIC SABOTAGE.

3. FIRM INVOLVED IN LAST CHARGE IS LITWIN, APPARENTLY A U.S. FIRM WHOSE PARIS OFFICE EMPLOYED BEN-YUSEF IN SOME CAPACITY DURING 1972. ACCORDING TO DEPOSITION SUBMITTED BY A MR. KATZ OF THE PARIS OFFICE, BEN-YUSEF WAS OFFERED PERMANENT JOB IN FRANCE WHICH HE REFUSED IN ORDER TO RETURN TO BULGARIA.
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